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SUBJECT:TRADE ACT OF 1974 - OAS PERMANENT COUNCIL SPECIAL  
SESSION VOTE ON RESOLUTION

1. IN RELATIVELY EXPEDITIOUS SESSION THURSDAY AFTERNOON  
JANUARY 23, PERMANENT COUNCIL PASSED RESOLUTION WHICH IN  
EFFECT RECOMMENDS THAT THE ISSUE OF THE TRADE ACT BE  
PLACED ON THE AGENDA OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN APRIL,  
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THAT CIES ALSO CONSIDER THE MATTER, AND THAT THE GENERAL

SECRETARIAT PREPARE A STUDY ON THE PROBABLE EFFECTS OF ACT FOR LATIN AMERICA. (COMPLETE TEXT OF RESOLUTION BEING SENT SEPARATELY)

2. VOTE WAS 20 IN FAVOR OF RESOLUTION, NONE AGAINST, ONE ABSTENTION (US), AND TWO ABSENT (BOLIVIA AND HAITI)

3. IN EXPLANATION OF VOTE, USDEL (FORD) STATED:

QUOTE: MY DELEGATION HAS ABSTAINED ON THE RESOLUTION BECAUSE IT FAILS TO PRESENT A BALANCED PICTURE OF THE TRADE ACT IN ITS FULL DIMENSION. REGRETTABLY THE RESOLUTION FOCUSES ONLY ON CERTAIN RIGIDITIES IN THE ACT WITHOUT MENTION OF THE MANY POSITIVE ELEMENTS WHICH,

WHEN IMPLEMENTED, CAN CONTRIBUTE TO A LIBERALIZED WORLD TRADING SYSTEM.

WE WELCOME THE FULL AND FRANK DEBATE WHICH HAS TAKEN PLACE HERE THIS WEEK. THERE ARE PORTIONS OF THE ACT, AS I HAVE NOTED, WHICH THE ADMINISTRATION REGARDS AS UNEQUITABLE AND UNWISE. NOR CAN IT ACCEPT THE 'JUDGMENT' IMPLICIT IN THE RESOLUTION THAT THE ACTIONS OF THE GOVERNMENT IN THIS RESPECT ARE IN VIOLATION OF THE CHARTER OR OTHER COMMITMENTS OF THE U.S.

I HAVE ATTEMPTED TO CLARIFY OTHER PORTIONS OF THE ACT; WHICH WILL WORK TO THE BENEFIT OF MANY MEMBER COUNTRIES, DESPITE THE INITIAL INTERPRETATION BY THOSE COUNTRIES.

THE VIEWS EXPRESSED HERE BY THE COUNTRIES OF LATIN AMERICA WILL BE USEFUL TO THE ADMINISTRATION AS IT REVIEWS THE FULL IMPLICATIONS OF THE LAW AND CONSULTS WITH THE CONGRESS ABOUT THESE ASPECTS.

IN ABSTAINING ON THE RESOLUTION MY DELEGATION WANTS TO MAKE CLEAR THAT IT WELCOMES DEBATE OF THE TRADE ACT AT THE OASGA OR IN WHATEVER FORUM YOU CONSIDER APPROPRIATE. WE BELIEVE THAT THE FULLER THE ANALYSIS OF THE ACT IN ITS TECHNICAL ASPECTS, AND ITS ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL UNCLASSIFIED

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IMPLICATIONS, THE BETTER WILL BE THE APPRECIATION OF WHAT CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED THROUGH IT FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. THE BROADER DISCUSSION WILL PLACE THE LIMITATIONS OF THE ACT IN PROPER PERSPECTIVE AND THEREBY CONTRIBUTE TO A BETTER UNDERSTANDING AND FACILITATE OBTAINING OF THE NECESSARY ADJUSTMENTS.

IN SUMMARY MY GOVERNMENT WILL BE PLEASED TO DISCUSS

THIS TOPIC AT THE FIFTH REGULAR SESSION OF THE  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND OFFERS ITS FULL COLLABORATION TO  
THE GENERAL SECRETARIAT IN THE IN-DEPTH STUDY WHICH IT  
HAS BEEN ASKED TO PREPARE." INGERSOLL

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